

## BALKAN SITUATION UP IN THE AIR—WAIT MOVE OF SERBIA

Berlin, via Wireless to London, Aug. 23.—Russian fortress city of Osowetz captured by Germans.

London.—Balkan situation reached acute stage today. Serbia was expected to make known, possibly before night, whether she will cede Macedonia to Bulgaria. M. Venizelos was to be sworn in at Athens as new Greek premier and it was believed he would make a definite statement of course Greece intends to pursue.

Serbian diplomats here characterized Bulgarian demands as exorbitant, but important influences are known to have been at work at Serb capital during past week. Believed that Italy's declaration of war against Turkey may delay Serbia's answer.

Bulgaria has made no fresh move to indicate whether she intends to join allies. Military preparations are almost complete and she is awaiting Serbia's answer. From various sources news has reached London that neither Turkey or her Austro-German allies are quite so confident of keeping Bulgaria neutral as they were a fortnight ago, though Italian reports that Bulgars were massing troops on Turkish frontier have received little credence here.

London.—Small British schooner Martha Edmonds sunk by German submarine. Crew landed.

Petrograd.—For first time since the Russians took Przemyel with 117,000 prisoners, Petrograd celebrated an important victory today with services of thanksgiving in cathedrals.

Sinking of German dreadnought Moltke and ten other Teuton warships in gulf of Riga the populace took as a divine answer to their prayers for victory offered up in great religious demonstration one week ago. With this news came word from war office that Von Hindenburg's attempt to turn Russian right flank has met with stubborn resistance that has brought Germans to a halt.

Common talk here that Germany has made offers of separate peace to both Russia and France and been turned down.

Military critics take view that the severe defeat reported administered to German fleet will end attempt to land troops from transports to aid in attack on Riga.

Constantinople.—Heavy attacks by reinforced British troops on Turkish positions have been repulsed with severe losses to British.

Petrograd. — More than 2,500,000 Austro-Germans being hurled against Russian lines from Riga to Galicia in effort to crush grand duke's armies.

Petrograd. — Official statement from admiralty regarding Russian naval victory in gulf of Riga conflicted with announcement made in duma.

Admiralty statement said "one of best German dreadnoughts was sunk by a British submarine" and "at least two German cruisers and eight torpedo boats were sunk."

Statement made by the president of the duma declared that the German dreadnought Moltke, three German cruisers and seven torpedo boats were sunk.

Paris. — After wrecking long stretches of enemy trenches in the Vosges by heavy bombardment, the French captured several German positions by infantry charges. At practically every section of battle front intense activity was displayed Sunday. In Artois region, grenade battles occurred around Souchez and Neuville without important result.

Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, L. I. —Official circles claimed receipt of positive information from both Sofia and Constantinople that Bulgaria and Turkey have signed agreement assuring Bulgaria's neutrality.

Amsterdam.—Amsterdam Telegraf, not considered friendly to Germany, authority for story German chancellor and other government heads despair of German victory unless peace is soon secured.